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Eagles Get Involved in 32nd Annual Can-A-Thon

For the last 32 years, Atlanta NBC 11 Alive has promoted the annual Can-A-Thon community food drive, collecting a variety of food items for distribution to community families in need during the holiday season.

This year, the Fraternal Order of Eagles got heavily involved in the event thanks to the work of Atlanta #714 Auxiliary member Kimball Williams (center).

Grand Worthy President-Elect Chuck Lang (right), Grand Madam President-Elect Penny Skinner (left), Grand Madam Trustee Jacque Marble, Assistant to the Grand Worthy President Scott Houghtaling and more volunteered their time unloading and sorting goods.

By the end of the event, 229,486 items had been collected to benefit members of the community in need.



Assistant to the Grand Worthy President Scott Houghtaling, PGWP Ron Stine, Stetson Buescher, James Buescher, Kris Buescher and Membership Director Vince Kinman pose for a picture following the official announcement of The Buescher Foundation.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Donate \$50,000 To Buescher Foundation

On Saturday, Nov. 1, proud Fraternal Order of Eagles member and NASCAR Nationwide Series driver James Buescher and his wife, Kris, announced the creation of the Buescher Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to providing support and resources to families going through the adoption process domestically.

During the 2014 International Convention in Orlando, Fla., the Fraternal Order of Eagles surprised James with a \$50,000 donation to the Foundation. A check presentation was made during Saturday's press event.

Inspiration for the Foundation came from the Buescher's adoption of son, Stetson, in 2013. Their experience with the process shed light on the difficulties

associated with adopting and motivated them to help less fortunate families exploring a similar route.

"Having gone through the adoption process ourselves, we know what it takes to be able to adopt," the Buescher's said. "Our goal is to take some of that stress off the families that want to adopt and give a child a loving forever home."

According to the Foundation's website, families adopting domestically that have been approved by an agency or facilitator may apply for a grant. There are no income requirements.

For information on The Buescher Foundation, visit thebuescherfoundation.org or "Like" the Foundation on Facebook at facebook.com/thebuescherfoundation.

From The Archives: Winter 1986

Portage, Ind., #3817— The Little Aerie that Could!

A LOT of Eagles clubs have nicknames that describe them or the area in which they are located, but probably none fits better than the nickname recently attached by the people of Portage, Indiana, to local Aerie 3817.

It's called the "Mighty Mites" club. Another good choice would be "the Miracle Workers."

Every year in June there is run down the main street of Portage a Grand Prix automobile race, and held in conjunction with the event is a Grand Prix Jamboree. The latter is a three-day festival featuring games, food and entertainment, and over the years the Jamboree has grown into the highlight of the summer season in Portage. Pulling it off successfully each year requires plenty of long-range planning, dedication and attention to detail.

As last June's Grand Prix Jamboree approached, the bottom suddenly appeared to drop out when the local Chamber of Commerce decided to end its sponsorship of the event. Desperate to rescue the popular Jamboree, the organizer of the car race came to the Portage Eagles and a local mall organization and asked them to take over sponsorship.

Around town there were a lot of doubting Thomases who didn't think a club as small as the Eagles — there are less than 200 Aerie and Auxiliary members — and not all of them are active — was capable of taking on even half the burden of organizing an event as big as the Grand Prix Jamboree. Determined to prove them wrong, the Eagles had several hurried meetings and set up a special committee.

But the planners' drawing boards had barely been set up when another bombshell struck: the mall association decided it wasn't interested in co-sponsoring the Jamboree after all and went the way of the Chamber of Commerce. That left the Portage Eagles as the only thing standing between the annual Grand Prix Jamboree tradition and oblivion.

Under the circumstances, nobody would have raised an eyebrow had Aerie/Auxiliary 3817 decided to fold up its own tent and steal away. But instead the members redoubled their determination (and prayerful supplications) and went to work. The amount of things to get done was staggering. There was a need for insurance for the field where the festival would take place, and insur-

ance for a beer garden. They had to find tables and chairs for the tents that would be set up, and arrange electrical lines and outlets for about thirty concession booths and an entertainment stage. Plus a zillion and one other things, and hardly any time at all in which to do them.

Came the night before the Grand Prix Jamboree and the Portage Eagles were still scrambling around. But finally everything was set. The show would go on.

Then it rained. For two of the three days.

But even though the customers took a bath, the Eagles didn't. In spite of the weather, the festival actually went off without a hitch, and the club, which had expected to drown in red ink, recorded a small profit.

Since then the Portage Eagles have been the talk of the town, like David after he slew Goliath. And next June the ninth annual Grand Prix Jamboree, expected to be the finest ever under the sole sponsorship of the Portage Eagles, will again draw fans of car racing and good times from all over the region.

"All because," says Aerie Secretary Art Montreuil, "a little Eagles club said 'We can!'" ■



Big crowds turned out to party and watch the sleek machines race.



WINTER, 1986

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Top Producers/ New Leaders

for November 2014

Aerie:

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|-------------------------------|----|
| 1. #3443 Newport, WA | 95 |
| 2. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ | 44 |
| 3. #2308 Puyallup, WA | 41 |
| 4. #2223 North Canton, OH | 33 |
| 5. #192 Bremerton, WA | 32 |
| #486 Coeur d'Alene, ID | 32 |

Auxiliary:

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|----------------------------|----|
| 1. #4374 Vero Beach, FL | 52 |
| 2. #2308 Puyallup, WA | 39 |
| 3. #486 Coeur d'Alene, ID | 25 |
| 4. #3358 Granite Falls, WA | 23 |
| 5. #270 Fond du Lac, WI | 21 |
| #3903 Jeffersontown, KY | 21 |
| #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ | 21 |

Aerie (Individual):

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|---------------------------------|----|
| 1. Laura O'Brien | 43 |
| Newport, WA #3443 | |
| 2. Darryl Ratcliff | 23 |
| Newport, WA #3443 | |
| 3. Daniel Hughes | 19 |
| Bellaire, OH #371 | |
| 4. Danny Coe | 18 |
| Washington Court House, OH #423 | |
| 5. David Mooney | 16 |
| Anacortes, WA #249 | |

Auxiliary (Individual):

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|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Ange M. Jackson | 24 |
| Vero Beach, FL #4374 | |
| 2. Tracy Nocerino | 14 |
| Vero Beach, FL #4374 | |
| 3. Wendy Hendrick | 9 |
| Clovis, NM #3245 | |
| 4. Kathleen M. Edney | 8 |
| Lake Stevens, WA #3358 | |
| 5. Ann Krysheski (#4208) | 7 |
| Jeanette Shaw (#1907) | 7 |
| Rose Marie Hill (#4374) | 7 |
| Terri Lauterberg (#3214) | 7 |
| Melody Sutter (#2371) | 7 |



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We Are People Helping People

Arkansas

-Midway Auxiliary #3183 donated \$500 to Coats for the Cold.

California

-Brisbane #3255 held a dinner for the Max Baer Heart Fund on Oct. 25, raising \$750.

Colorado

-Pueblo Aerie #145 was awarded the Silver Award for "Best Night Out With Friends" in Pueblo by the community and the Pueblo Chieftain newspaper. More than 56,000 votes were submitted.

Florida

-Suncoast Auxiliary #3153 presented a check for \$5,000 to the University of South Florida Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute.

Illinois

-Zeigler #2444 have partnered with Zeigler-Royalton High School to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's "Coaches vs. Cancer" program. Aerie member and ZRHS basketball coach Matt Morgan originated the idea in 2009 and together, the Eagles, school and the community have achieved success far beyond their expectations. Zeigler-Royalton is a small school of just 160 students located in the county with the highest unemployment rate in the state, but has led Illinois in funds raised each of the four years they've participated. So far in the program's fifth year, \$18,000 has been raised for the cause with several more activities still planned. Last year, the school finished ninth in the nation. Overall, \$71,000 has been raised. Funds are given to the ACS and used for research and patient services.

Indiana

-Mooresville #3988 donated \$10,000 to the Mooresville Police Department K9 Unit. Thanks to the Eagles, the department was able to purchase its second dog.

Iowa

-Tama-Toledo #2828 presented \$200 to the Tama Police Department for their Cherry Lake Project. The department is improving the lake for recreational purposes.

Kentucky

-Newport #280 have been busy recently with a trio of successful events. Members raised \$5,000 for Cancer Center and Hospice of Northern Kentucky on behalf of Past State Madam President Patricia Lauer. A fundraising Bowl-A-Thon raised nearly \$700 toward current President

Arizona



On Oct. 18, Lake Havasu City #4299 sponsored the Havasu 95 Speedway races and were greeted by F.O.E. Racing's Dylan Kwasniewski, who was in town during a Nationwide Series off week to participate in the modified race. Dylan set a new track record in qualifying and placed third in the feature race. Prior to the race, he asked the track promoter/owner to take him to the F.O.E. booth set up by Lake Havasu City to promote the Eagles and meet the members tending to the booth.

Sheena Barle's charity, the Alzheimer's Foundation. Newport held its annual Member's Picnic, with guests of honor Aerie and Auxiliary President's Linda and JR. Several honors were bestowed upon members during the picnic including the presentation of the Auxiliary's first-ever Father of the Year award, honoring an Aerie member that goes above and beyond the call to help and assist the Ladies' Auxiliary. Receiving the honor was Matthew Hugenberg, 45, a former Air Force Security Police Veteran and current Senior Police Officer of 20 years with the Covington Police Department. He is married to Auxiliary member Kandy Hugenberg.

Michigan

-Van Buren #3996 held a fundraiser to benefit two area schools dedicated to teaching autistic children. The Eagles donated \$5,309 each to Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City and Webster School in Livonia. The funds will be used to purchase devices that facilitate learning and communication.

Missouri

-Shell Knob #4155 held its 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Auxiliary Bake Sale, raising a total of \$1,720 for charity and scholarship funds. Julie Bath, of Shell Knob, won the Cook-Off, receiving \$150 for her efforts.

Ohio

-The Eagles of Highland Auxiliary #449 selected Girls Circle as their charity for the fraternal year and recently raised \$2,300 to the support the program. Girls Circle is a middle school program helping young girls become women.

Pennsylvania

-Edgewood #1801 donated \$1,000 to Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund, which helps pay for spaying and neutering for local animals.

Tennessee

-Chattanooga Auxiliary #945 presented \$3,230 to Memorial Hospital Center for Cancer Support. The funds were raised at the group's Fight Against Cancer Fundraiser.

Vermont

-Brattleboro #2445 presented a grant for \$5,000 to the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Community Health Team, Diabetes Education and Insulin Program during the 2014 New England Regional Conference. The grant will help provide medications and supplies for patients in need of financial assistance.

Virginia

-Virginia State Worthy President Don Jenkins recently presented a year-end donation check for \$46,366.64 to INOVA Heart Foundation.



Eagle member Chuck Wood presents the Council Aerie pin to Council Valley Museum Board Chairman Dale Fisk.

Piece of Eagles' History Finds Its Way Back To Council, Idaho

Throughout the Eagles' 116-year history, countless Aeries have come and gone, but each one leaves behind traces of their existence that many F.O.E. collectors routinely seek out. Chuck Wood, a two-time Jr. Past Worthy President from North Mason, Wash., Eagles #4226, is avid collector of Eagles artifacts and recently traveled to Council, Idaho, with a pin initially discovered by PWP and Oregon State Conductor Jeff Riffard.

The pin, which featured an eagle with the letters F.O.E. inscribed, was originally given to Eagles of Council #1267, which was established on Dec. 4, 1905 and folded in 1913, to designate their status as members. A report of the original charter showed several prominent community members as charter members of the Council Aerie.

Wood presented the pin to Council Valley Museum Board Chairman Dale Fisk for display in the museum.

News & Notes

Showcase Your Bulletins in the 2015 Bulletin Contest

The foundation of every successful Aerie & Auxiliary is keeping members informed. Each year, we award the members who make the most of their bulletins and work hard to keep Eagles in their area in the loop through the Grand Aerie Bulletin Contest. Bulletin editors are encouraged to submit their best issue from the months of September, October or November 2014 for consideration in the 2015 Bulletin Contest. Entries are due to the Grand Aerie Headquarters by January 23, 2015. Winners will be announced on March 2, 2015, and will receive plaques commemorating their achievement which will be presented during their respective State/Provincial Conventions in the Spring. For information or to download an entry form, visit the Bulletin Contest page at www.foe.com.

Grand Aerie Headquarters Holiday Notice

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Aerie Headquarters in Grove City, Ohio, will be closed Wednesday, December 24, through Thursday, January 1, for the Christmas holiday. The office will resume standard business hours Friday, January 2.

Deer Valley #3871 Now Accepting Winter Horseshoes Entries

A variety of great International Sports opportunities exist for Eagles everywhere in 2015.


- February 21-23 - Winter Horseshoes Tournament, Deer Valley, AZ #3871
- April 17-19 - Darts Tournament, Leominster, MA #477
- July - Summer Horseshoes Tournament, Howell, MI #3607
- August - Golf Tournament, Zanesville, OH #302
- October - Pool Tournament, Atomic City, TN #2514
- October 11-12 - Softball Tournament, Prescott, AZ #3600

Flyers and entry forms are currently available for Winter Horseshoes, Darts and Golf on the Sports page at www.foe.com. If your Aerie/Auxiliary is interested in hosting a tournament, you can find bid packages and open bid dates for 2016/17 online.




THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES CHILDRENS ART CONTEST

RULES

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- Open to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.
 - Your local Eagles Aerie/Auxiliary will send all completed entries to the Grand Aerie for judging. Entries from individuals or groups other than local Aeries/Auxiliaries will be disqualified.
 - All entries from the local Aerie/Auxiliary must be received by the Grand Aerie by **February 13, 2015**.
 - All entries become the property of the Grand Aerie F.O.E.
 - Contest winners will be announced on March 13, 2015. Names of winners will be published online.
 - Winning entries will be on display at the International Convention in July.

GUIDELINES

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- Theme: My favorite thing.
 - Contestants must submit artwork on paper no larger than 11 x 17
 - Crayon, pen, watercolor and acrylic may be used. No oils or charcoal.
 - An entry form must be filled out clearly and completely using the child's home address. The form must be attached to back of all art work submitted to the local Aerie/Auxiliary. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from contest.
 - Sponsoring Aeries/Auxiliaries must provide contact information with children's submissions.
 - Contest will be judged on basis of originality, relevance to theme, as well as artistic ability.

PRIZES



**Best of Show - \$500 ★ 1st Prize - \$200 ★ 2nd Prize - \$100 ★
3rd Prize - \$75 ★ 4th Prize - \$50**

(All prizes awarded at each grade level excluding best of show)

Please send all completed entries to: Grand Aerie Marketing Department, 1623 Gateway Circle S.Grove City, OH 43123

Questions? Contact the Marketing & Communications Department at 614-883-2210 or by email at marketing@foe.com

2015 Fraternal Order of Eagles Children's Art Contest

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM. ATTACH TO BACK OF ART OR ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO LOCAL AERIES AND THEN DELIVERED TO THE GRAND AERIE. ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THE GRAND AERIE BY FEBRUARY 13, 2015.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- Home address must be provided in the event of any questions, concerns or prizes that result from this entry.
- Entries using forms from previous years will be disqualified. Please use current entry forms to ensure the Grand Aerie receives the proper information.
- Entries using oils or charcoals will be disqualified. Any artwork larger than 11x17 will not be accepted.
- All Art becomes the property of the Grand Aerie F.O.E.

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____ Submitted to local Aerie/Auxiliary # _____

I submit this as my own work _____

(Student Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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